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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Contee House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Enterprise Road (Site now on Vandine Street)				
CITY OR TOWN: Largo				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Prince George's		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public        Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Religious            _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific            _____				
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Contee				
STREET AND NUMBER: Enterprise Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Largo		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)</div> <div>(Check One)</div> </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a one story, two room frame structure with a lower one-story kitchen wing. The exterior is sheathed with unpainted clapboards; fenestration is irregular. A small chimney stack rises on the exterior of the east end of the larger block. On the interior, the walls are sheathed with clapboards, vertical planking, and horizontal flush beaded boarding. A boxed staircase to the two upper rooms rises from the southeast corner of the east room.</p> <p>The house has no utilities and is heated by a wood-burning stove.</p>	

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AREA
STATE

**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

☐ Pre-Columbian

☐ 16th Century

☐ 18th Century

☐ 20th Century

☐ 15th Century

☐ 17th Century

☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric

☐ Historic

☐ Agriculture

☐ Architecture

☐ Art

☐ Commerce

☐ Communications

☐ Conservation

☐ Education

☐ Engineering

☐ Industry

☐ Invention

☐ Landscape

☐ Architecture

☐ Literature

☐ Military

☐ Music

☐ Political

☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science

☐ Sculpture

☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater

☐ Transportation

☐ Urban Planning

☐ Other (Specify)

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION MNCPPC	DATE 20 Sept. 73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

CONTEE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

ENTERPRISE RD.

CITY, TOWN

LARGO

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Prince George's

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☐ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Contee

Telephone #: No Telephone

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Enterprise Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Largo

     VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

P. G. County

Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Survey of Historic Sites - Prince George's County

DATE

     FEDERAL X STATE      COUNTY      LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

98-041-17

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Years ago forests and fields surrounded this house. Recently, these natural features were bulldozed and a large subdivision of split level houses now spread across the landscape. Right in the middle stands this unpainted frame house with a rusty tin roof. Though the house has been humbled (a large pit has been gouged out in the front yard and its windows boarded over with posters pasted on: "Condemmed: Unfit for Human Habitation"), the house stubbornly refused to give way to modernity. The owner, it was reported, is suing in court to prevent the forced sale of his land and house.

This weatherboarded, frame structure, which measures 36'7"x16'9", consists of a main block and an addition. The main block has one and a half stories and consists of three bays -- one door flanked by two windows, asymmetrically placed along the principal facade. Its rear length consists of two bays, a central door and one window. The house faces south. To the east, a one story appendage has been added. Its construction material (hewn sills and studs and cut nails) is similar to that of the main block was built.

Since the owner was not present, the interior could not be investigated. But I was told by neighborhood children that the downstairs of the main block was one open room and the downstairs of the appendage was used as a kitchen, wood-burning stove being piped into the brick chimney.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mike Dwyer, who surveyed this house for the Maryland Historical Trust, Mr. Contee said that his grandfather, who was a manumitted slave, built this house. Though my previous attempts to locate Mr. Contee have not brought results, I plan to continue as well investigate Prince George's County Courthouse records in hopes of verifying this account and to learn more of the history of this house. If the house, which appears to be mid-19th century, was built by a manumitted slave, it provides an structural example for an insightful comparison between the houses of slaves and free blacks in antebellum southern Maryland.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

2/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 W. Madison Street

301- 383-3648

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Baltimore

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

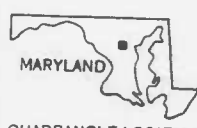
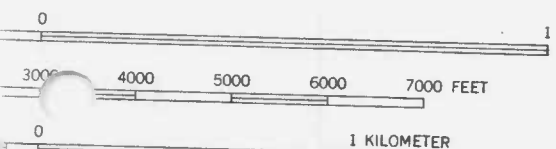








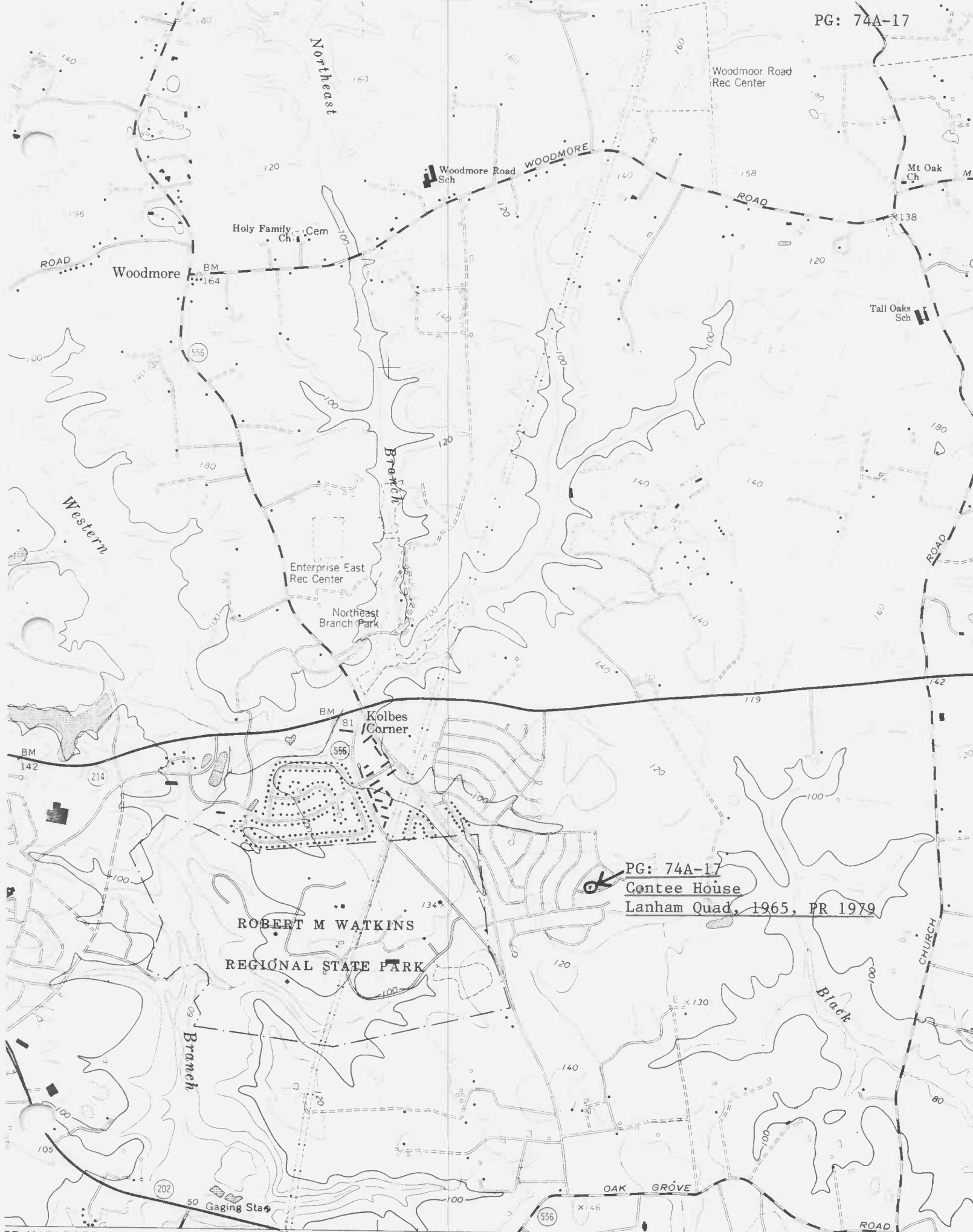
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MR 4644  
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
Heavy-duty \_\_\_\_\_ Light-duty \_\_\_\_\_  
Medium-duty \_\_\_\_\_ Unimproved dirt \_\_\_\_\_  
U. S. Route \_\_\_\_\_ State Route \_\_\_\_\_

LANHAM, MARYLAND  
NE 1/4 UPPER MARLBORO 15' CORNER  
N 3852.5—W 7645.0



PG: 74A-17  
 Contee House  
 Lanham Quad, 1965, PR 1979

ROBERT M WATKINS  
 REGIONAL STATE PARK

0.7 MI. TO MD. 556  
 UPPER MARLBORO 4.9 MI.

47°30"

345

0.1 MI. TO MD 202

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INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA



NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION END OF DIRT RD OPPOSITE WATKINS PARK, ENTERPRISE RD  
KOLBES CORNER, MO

FACADE S.

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER



PG: 74A-17

NAME CONTEE HOUSE

LOCATION END OF DIRT RD OPPOSITE WATKINS PARK ENTERPRISE RD.  
KOLBES CORNER, Md.

FACADE S.E.

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER





NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION END OF DIRT RD OFF ENTERPRISE RD OPPOSITE WATKINS PARK

FACADE N.W.

KOLBES CORNER, MD

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CONTEE HOUSE

GEORGE M<sup>S</sup> DANIEL

1976



NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION DIRT Rd. OPP. WATKINS PARK, KOLBES CORNER  
ML

FACADE EAST ROOM

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER



NAME CONTEE HOUSE

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LOCATION END OF DIRT Rd OFF ENTERPRISE Rd. OPPOSITE  
WATKINS PARK , KOLBES CORNER, MD.

FACADE WEST ROOM

PHOTO TAKEN 9/20/73 M. DWYER





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Contee House

GEORGE H. DANIEL

1976